



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: JOHN M. PEDERSEN

APPLICATION No.: 09/823,948

FILED: MARCH 30, 2001

FOR: DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES AND  
PLATING MACHINES WITH DRY  
CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR  
PLATING MICROELECTRONIC  
WORKPIECES

EXAMINER: BRIAN L. MUTSCHLER

ART UNIT: 1753

CONFIRMATION No: 7598

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**


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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed January 22, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1-70. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
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